

Council Service Territory Volunteer Leadership Newsletter



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*The Council Service Territory Volunteer Leadership Newsletter is an official weekly digest of information for key local council and council service territory volunteers from multiple official Scouting America sources. Learn more about the items that may be important to you and **please share appropriate content with other Scouters.***

Silver Antelope Award

It is time to nominate deserving volunteers for the 2027 Silver Antelope Award. Nomination forms with no more than two recommendation letters must be submitted together electronically to the National Service Center no later than **November 30**. Just a reminder, the candidate should not be notified of this nomination. For more information, visit [here](#).

Hazardous Weather Course

The new Hazardous Weather course is now available in the Volunteer Learn Center on My.Scouting. This course is part of the formula to be a "trained" leader for many Scouting positions, required (for at least one leader) for overnight activities, and a good course for everyone to take to be safe. If you are already logged in to My.Scouting you can find the course [here](#), or searching for it in the catalog of the Volunteer Learn Center.

National Venturing Webinar

Please join the next national Venturing Webinar on **Wednesday, September 16, at 7:30 pm Central**. Join the National Venturing Officers' Association to meet the team, learn about their roles, and hear the newly released 2026–2027 Venturing Vision. You will get a quick, engaging update on national initiatives, resources, and ways crews can plug in. Advisors and youth alike, bring your questions, stay in the loop, and spread the word to other Venturers so they do not miss this chance to connect with the National Venturing Officers' Association! Register in advance for this webinar [here](#).

Alumni Webinar

Invite your high school seniors who are members of the National Eagle Scout Association to the upcoming "Free Money! Applying for College Scholarships, Including NESAs Scholarships" webinar. **Sunday, November 15, 5:30pm Central**. Register in advance for the webinar and get more information [here](#).

Scouts BSA Membership Webinar

If you missed the recording of the **September 8** Scouts BSA Lunch and Learn – "Recruit, Retain, Thrive!" – you can find the recording [here](#).

Updated Marketing Resources Page

Find the updated Marketing Resources page [here](#).

Cub Scouting Monthly Momentum Rallies

A great welcome to a new family can make all the difference in helping them feel connected, engaged, and excited to get involved. To help packs make every family's first experience a memorable one, Cub Scouting has recently released the "Welcoming New Families Guide." This fall, they are adding another resource: Monthly Momentum Rallies. These short, 30-minute informative sessions will give packs helpful tips, and fun and fresh energy they can take right back to their pack. Follow the links below for more information and to register in advance for the rallies.

- Thursday, September 17 - [here](#)
- Wednesday, October 14 - [here](#)
- Wednesday, November 11 - [here](#)

Intent to Operate and Camping Attendance

It is time to submit council 2026 camping attendance information and 2027 National Camp Accreditation Program Intent to Operate for long-term camp(s) and all camp property(s) the council operates. All councils, no matter if they operate a long-term camp or not, must complete the camping attendance information request form portion of the submission form. The National Camp Accreditation Program requires all camp properties and all long-term camps to submit an "Intent to Operate" each year. This required process (see Standard AO-802) is critical to planning for a successful camping operation. The 2026 "camping attendance report" and 2027 Intent to Operate information must be submitted online no later than *October 31, 2026*. Find more information [here](#).

Okpik Winter Adventure Season Registration

Registration for the 2027–2028 Okpik Winter Adventure season opens *October 1*. The Dog Sled Lottery runs *October 1–October 15*. Learn more [here](#).

National Day of Service

Scouting's National Day of Service, anchored by Scouting for Food, falls on *Saturday, November 14*. It's the single biggest, most visible service moment of the year. Read more [here](#).

Back Issues of the Volunteer Leadership Newsletter

We have created a repository of the most recent back issues of the *Newsletter*. Find them [here](#). Be sure to check them out if you are new to this newsletter and/or to review earlier issues.

Reminders from Previous Newsletters

Merge Member ID - [here](#)

Technology Update Webinar Recordings - [here](#)

Scouts BSA Senior Patrol Leader Summit – *October 25* – information [here](#)

Impact 365 - [here](#)

GivingTuesday Council Toolkit - [here](#)

National Virtual Sea Scout Academy - Learn more [here](#) and learn more and register [here](#)

Alumnus of the Year Awards - [here](#)

Philmont 2028 Registration – *October 1* - [here](#)

Program Livecasts

Cub Chat Live (every Friday at 3 pm Eastern) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Troop Talk Live (second Wednesday of each month at 2 pm Central) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Leading our Adventures (every other Friday at 4 pm Mountain) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Trek on Tuesday (Tuesdays at Noon Pacific) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)

Exploring Live Hour (Monthly) - Schedule and registration [here](#)

Webinars

National Membership Mixer - "Preparing Units for the New Registration & Renewal Process" - *September 27 at 8:00 pm Eastern* - Register [here](#)

Alumni Webinars –

- "Why You Need the Scouting Alumni Guidebook and How to Use It: Unlock the Potential of Your Council's Greatest Asset: 100 Million Scouting Alumni." *Sunday, September 27, 5:30pm Central*. Register in advance for the webinar and get more information [here](#).
- "Resumes: How to highlight your Eagle Scout experiences, knowledge, and skills." *Sunday, October 4, 5:30pm Central*. Register in advance for the webinar and get more information [here](#).
- "Free Money! Applying for College Scholarships, Including NESA Scholarships" *Sunday, November 15, 5:30pm Central*. Register in advance for the webinar and get more information [here](#).

Cub Scouting 4-Month Plan Workshops - Register in advance for these added workshops.

- **Monday, September 21 at 7:00 pm Central** – Register [here](#)

Monthly Finance and Fund Development Webinar – *Thursday, October 1 at Noon Eastern* - Donor Advised Funds - [here](#). See August recording (Will and Estate Planning) recording [here](#)

Monthly Membership Rally - Future Rallies, **September 17**, *October 15, and November 12* – Register [here](#)

Outdoor Programs - Webinars will be on the *Second Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm Central* beginning in *September* unless otherwise noted. You can find more detailed information [here](#) and register [here](#) for the full series.

October 8 – Develop a Staff Alumni Association

October 29 – 7:00 pm Central – What's new in NCAP for 2027

November 12 – Property Management and Maintenance Best Practices

Venturing Live – Third Wednesday of each month at *7:30pm Central*. Register in advance [here](#). See recordings of webinars [here](#)

Newsletters/Blogs/Podcasts

Commissioner eBlast – Every Monday - [here](#)

Scouting Safety - [here](#)

On Scouting - [here](#)

Marketing – Subscribe [here](#)

Membership Engagement - Subscribe [here](#)

Aquatics - [here](#)

Scouting in the Boardroom - [here](#)

Trail To Adventure - [here](#)

Scouting Alumni - [here](#)

Training Times - [here](#)

Abilities Digest - [here](#)

Scouting Wire - [here](#)

Important Links

Youth Safety - [here](#)

Incident Reporting - [here](#)

Health and Safety - [here](#)

Safety Moments - [here](#)

TechHub - [here](#)

Scouting America Brand Guidelines and Materials - [here](#)

Language of Scouting - [here](#)

Training Resources - [here](#)
Merit Badges - [here](#)
Online Registration Information - [here](#)
Scouting America Membership Standards - [here](#)
Philmont Training Center Conferences - [here](#)
National Council Videos - [here](#)
High Adventure Bases - [here](#)
Scouting Forms - [here](#)
2027 World Scout Jamboree - [here](#)
Council Support - [here](#)
National Eagle Scout Association - [here](#)
Marketing Resources - [here](#)
National Camping Schools - [here](#)
Scouting Forums - [here](#)
Order of the Arrow - [here](#)
Commissioners - [here](#)
Program Updates - [here](#)
Awards Central - [here](#)
Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)
Scouting Newsroom - [here](#)
Scouting Emergency Assistance Fund - [here](#)
Brand Center - [here](#)

